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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6786

BILL NUMBER: HB 1579

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 21, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Funding for Fatality Review Teams.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Kersey

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Child Fatality Review Fund to defray expenses incurred by the Statewide Child Fatality Review Committee and make grants to local child fatality review teams.

The bill requires the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to charge a child fatality review fee of \$2 for each search of the records for a death certificate and deposit the fee in the Child Fatality Review Fund.

The bill also requires the Department of Child Services (DCS) to establish and administer a grant program for local child fatality review teams.

The bill annually appropriates money in the Child Fatality Review Fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill establishes the nonreverting Child Fatality Review Fund and annually appropriates money in the Fund. The Fund is to be administered by DCS and consists of fee revenue and money appropriated to the Fund by the General Assembly. The bill provides that the Fund is established to defray the expenses of the Statewide Child Fatality Review Committee and to make grants to local child fatality review teams. The bill requires that at least 50% of the money in the Fund is to be used for grants given to local child fatality review teams under a program to be established by DCS. Copying, mailing, and mileage expenses of the Statewide Child Fatality Review Committee are currently paid from funds appropriated to DCS.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill requires ISDH to charge a \$2 Child Fatality Review Fee for each search of the vital records for a death certificate. ISDH reported that approximately 56,000 searches are done

annually for birth and death certificates. ISDH does not have reliable data available to determine how many of these searches are done for birth certificates for the collection of the \$2 Birth Problems Registry Fee. Consequently, data are not available to identify the number of searches for death certificates.

If 50% of the searches are assumed to be for death certificates, this provision may result in fee revenue of \$56,000 annually. Revenue would vary depending on the number of searches done each year for death certificates.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Local child fatality review teams would be the recipients of the grants established by the bill.

State Agencies Affected: ISDH; DCS

Local Agencies Affected: Local child fatality review teams.

Information Sources: ISDH; DCS.

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